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Deputy Inspector General William M. Blier to Receive Distinguished Presidential Rank Award

On December 13, 2018, William M. Blier, Deputy Inspector General for the U.S. Department of Justice, will be honored with the Distinguished Presidential Rank Award. The award, established by statute in 1978, is the highest award that a civilian federal employee can receive. It is given to only one percent of government executives each year who have demonstrated “sustained extraordinary accomplishment” during their government careers.



Mr. Blier was appointed to be the Deputy Inspector General in May 2018. Prior to this appointment, he served since 2010 as the General Counsel for the Office of the Inspector General (OIG). He joined the OIG in June 2007. He received the Attorney General’s Award for Distinguished Service in 2009.

Before coming to the OIG, Mr. Blier was as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the District of Columbia for 20 years, where he was the Chief of the Transnational/Major Crimes Section, and later, Special Counsel to the U.S. Attorney for National Security. He graduated with highest honors and Phi Beta Kappa from Lehigh University, and received his law degree from the University of Chicago Law School.

The award ceremony will take place on Thursday, December 13, 2018, in the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C. Additional information about the ceremony and the award is available at <https://www.presidentialrankawards.com>.

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